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SUBJ: AMERICAN BASKETBALL SPECIALIST-LOVING

REF: (B) MOGADISCIO 1919U, (B) STATE 303748L.

1. POST PLEASED NOTE PROGRESS IN COMPLTING LOVING GRANT
ARRANGEMENTS.

2. ON MATTER OF COSTING FOR GRANT, POST NOTES CU'S REVISIONS
AND OFFERES FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

A. AIR FREIGHT: AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 4, REF A, LOVING WILL
HAVE TO BRING WITH HIM COMPLETE SET KITCHEN EQUIPMENT, UTENSILS,
ETC., OTHER ITEMS PERSONAL USE. MOST SUCH ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE
LOCALLY, AND THESE THAT ARE GENERALLY EXCESSIVELY EXPENSIVE AND
UNSATISFACTORY. EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE ONLY SHORT TERM
ASSISTANCE IN THIS RESPECT, POSSIBLY FOUR TO SIX WEEKS.
IT IMPERATIVE GRANTEE ARRIVE WITH EQUIPMENT, SUPPORT NEEDS AS
COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE, AS HE WILL BE FULLY OCCUPIED OTHERWISE WITH
COPING WITH NEW ENVIRONMENT, PHYSICAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL, AND
DEMANDS ON HIS PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY. WE WOULD BE
SERIOUSLY REMISS TO "SADDLE" HIM WITH ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS
SUCH AS SUPPLIES, LOGISTICS, ETC. WHEN HE WILL NEED TO CONCENTRATE
ON HIS PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY. POST HOPES CU WILL URGE UPON
HIM IMPORTANCE THIS MATTER. POST DOUBTS 50 POUNDS AIR FREIGHT
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PLUS 25 POUNDS EXCESS ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE SUFFICIENT. URGE AT
LEAST 100 POUNDS AIR FREIGHT BE AUTHORIZED.

B. HOUSING: ESTIMATES GIVEN REF A BASED UPON HYPOTHETICAL
HOUSING FOR SINGLE INDIVIDUAL, I.E., ONE BEDROOM. PROBLEM IS
NO SUCH HOUSING ACTUALLY EXISTS IN MOGADISCIO. EMBASSY HAS

RECENTLY COMPLETED EXTENSIVE SURVEY
HOUSING AND DISCOVERS SMALLEST UNITS AVAILABLE AND SUITABLE ARE
BEING MARKETING FOR DOLS \$500 PER MONTH. WITH ASSISTANCE OF
GSDR MINISTRY LABOR AND SPORTS, POST'S BEST HOPE THAT WE CAN
SECURE SOMETHING IN RANGE DOLS 375-400 PER MONTH. THUS, CU
SHOULD BE PREPARED REVISE UPWARDS THIS ESTIMATE. SUGGEST
NO FURTHER REVISIONS BE MADE AT THIS TIME, BUT WHEN LEASE IS
READY, CU SHOULD BE PREPARED REVISED UPWARDS THIS ESTIMATE
BY RANGE OF DOLS 1,200-1,500 FOR ANNUAL RENT.

C. UTILITIES: POST ALSO FINDS ESTIMATES REF A BASED
ON EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE FIGURE AND ON HYPOTHETICAL ONE BEDROOM
FACILITY. EMBASSY EXPERIENCE IS THAT COSTS SIGNIFICANTLY
AND PROGRESSIVELY HIGHER. AGAIN, POST SUGGESTS NO ACTION TO
REVISE BE TAKEN NOW BUT THAT CU RETAIN FLEXIBILITY REVISE COST
UPWARDS BY APPROX DOLS 100 PER MONTH, OR DOLS 1,200 ANNUALLY.

D. SECURITY: POST NEGLECTED INCLUDE IN ESTIMATES OF REF A COST FOR
RESIDENTIAL SECURITY WATCHMAN. THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE ESSENTIAL.
CU SHOULD REVISE CONTACT TO ADD DOLS 75 PER MONTH, OR DOLS 900
ANNUALLY FOR THIS SERVICE.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 4, REF B, POST INTERPRETATION
REGULATIONS GOVERNING GRANTS IS THAT GRANTEEES CANNOT GENERALLY
AVAIL THEMSELVES OF SAME KIND EMBASSY/GSO SUPPORT AFFORD
REGULAR USG EMPLOYEES. EMBASSY HAS, NEVERTHELESS, AGREED TO
ASSIST EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN LIMITS REGULATIONS, INCLUDING
LONG TERM LOAN NON EXPENDABLE ITEMS SUCH AS FURNITURE,
RANGE, REFRIGERATOR, AIR CONDITIONERS, WASHING MACHINE, ETC.
ADDITIONALLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE THESE ITEMS WILL BE
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PROVIDED EXTENT POSSIBLE FROM GSO RESOURCES, BUT AGAIN CU SHOULD
BEAR IN MIND MOGADISCIO IS SMALL POST WITH LIMITED RESOURCES,
PARTICULARLY IN TERMS MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL, AND GRANTEE
LIKELY FIND IT NECESSARY ON OCCASION AVAIL HIMSELF MAINTENANCE
ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE EMBASSY CHANNEL.

4. MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SPORTS GSDR PREPARED PROVIDE SAME
SUPPORT LOVING AS PROVIDED TOBIAS, NAMELY OFFICE SPACE WITHIN
MINISTRY. POST WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE OBTAIN AS MUCH OTHER
SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE, BUT KNOWING RESOURCE BASE OF MINISTRY,
POST CAN OFFER ONLY FAINT POSSIBILITY SUCH OTHER SUPPORT WILL
IN FACT MATERIALIZE.

5. REQUEST CU PROVIDE LOVING ETA ASAP.
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